

Liber W. C. persons of this Province, openly publickly and with a Loud Voyce did speake declare and publish of the said Richard Marsham those ffalce Scandalous and malicious Words ffollowing Viz that Rich^d Marsham (the said pl^t meaning) Did kill his man Jenkin (the said Jenkin Price meaning late sarvant of the said Richard Marsham who dyed in his said service) And that hee the said William Collins would prove it. Whereas in truth the said Richard Marsham did never perpetrate nor comitt any such ffact. as the beating of any Sarvant till hee Were dead or killing of any humane pson whatsoever, By reason of the saying speaking affirmeing publishing and declaring of w^{ch} said falce ffeigned scandalous infamous and Oprobrious words the said Richard Marsham is not onely Extreamlie hurt and Damnified in his good name fframe Credit and estimacon aforesaid amongst his neighbours and other ffaithfull and worthy psons of this Province, to whome the innocency of the said Richard in this part was unknowne Who before the Speaking and Publishing the said Words were used to keepe Company and consort wth him the said Richard and with whome before that time the said Richard did usually Negotiate, deale, traffick, contract, buy and sell, and who have since withdrawne themselves from consorting & dealing wth him the said Richard, but also the said Richard is hereby brought in perill and danger of fforfeiting of all his goods Chattells lands and tenem^{ts}, and is like innocently to bee brought in danger of his life as aforesaid And whereupon the said Richard Saith hee is Damnified and hath Damage to the Vallue of twenty thousand pounds of Tobacco and thereupon hee brings his Suite

And the said William Collins by Robert Ridgely his Attorney cometh & defendeth the fforce and Iniury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaall & itt is granted unto him, the same day is given to the Plantiffe alsoe

Now here at this day to witt, the thirteenth day of ffebruary in the fifth yeare of the Dominion of the Right hono^{ble} Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq Dominj one thousand Six hundred seaventy nine Came the said parties by their Attorneys afforesaid, and the said William Collins by his said Attorney saith that hee is not Guilty of the premisses above by the Plantiffe imposed upon him, in manner and fforme as the said plantiffe hath against him Complayned and of this hee puts himselfe upon the Country, And the Plantiffe likewise

Therefore Command is given to the sheriffe of St Maryes County that hee cause to come here twelve &c by whome &c. and who neither &c to Recognize &c because aswell &c

On which said thirteenth day of ffebruary in the yeare aforesaid came the said parties by their Attorneys afforesaid and the Jurors Impanelled being called Likewise came, to witt Thomas Cosden, George Godfrey, Joseph Tilley, William Thomas, Marmaduke Semme, Sam^l Holdsworth, John King, James Lewis Thomas Sed-